

Franklin/Bedford County Overview

- Franklin
 - Land Area-692sq. Mi.
 - **2003 est. pop.-** 49,095
 - 3.8% change4/1/2000-7/1/2003
 - Housing Units 2002-23,641
 - Median Household Income 1999-\$38,056

- Bedford
 - Land Area-754sq. Mi.
 - 2003 est. pop.-62,661
 - 3.8% change4/1/2000-7/1/2003
 - Housing Units
 2002-27,837
 - Median Household Income 1999-\$43,136

Governance

- Tri-County Lake Administrative Commission <u>TLAC</u>
 - Funded 45% by Bedford & Franklin
 Counties and 10% by Pittsylvania
 County
 - Considered as a joint department of the three counties
 - Oversees lake related issues including navigation markers, debris removal, non-native weed removal, and recommends legislation to the three counties

Drinking Water

- Smith Mountain Lake serves as a source to Bedford County PSA today (~100,000 gallons/day)
- Plans are underway and contracts in place for Franklin County to withdraw up to 1 million gallons/day in 20 years
- Bedford County is planning on SML providing up to 4 million gallons/day in the 20 year planning horizon
- Lake water quality and watershed protection becoming increasingly important

Drinking Water

- Franklin County is currently performing Health Department required tests for a future water withdrawal (2.5 mgd) on the Blackwater Tributary of SML
- Plans to bring water to the central part of the County for Industrial/Commercial purposes
- Contract awarded for first phase of Bedford PSA connection in Franklin County from Hales Ford Bridge to Westlake Corner

Tax Revenue

- In Franklin County, the lake districts (more than just the lake) generate 56.5% of real estate tax revenue
- In Bedford County, the lake district generates 27.7%
- Growing commercial base

Water Levels

- Water Release Protocols to be pushed in AEP Relicensing efforts by the 3 counties
 - Balance Interests
 - Anticipate Negative Conditions
 - Empower Local Decisionmakers

Leesville

- Pittsylvania more involved with Leesville issues...just as challenging!
 - Similar Debris Problems
 - Fluctuating Water Levels
 - Potential Future Water Supply Source
 - Beginning to See Significant Development







SML State Park



Lake Care Issues

- Debris Removal/Diversion
- Navigational Aid Maintenance and Installations
- Invasive Weeds
- Invasive Species
- Siltation Effects
- Recreational Access
- No Holding Tank Discharge/ Enforcement
- Safety Related Issues/Enforcement

Water Quality

- Monitoring
- Comparing Data
- Assessment of Impacts
- Historical Comparisons
- Watershed Implications
 - Franklin County was the site of one of the state's first TMDL studies and recommended action plans

